

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28 and ending on page 2, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a film cutter assembly in which a blade housing slides bilaterally along a pair of rails. The blade housing houses a blade. The rails are formed of a material which provides ~~an attractive or adhesion~~ a "cling" property to ~~attract~~ hold the film to the rail and maintain the film in a flat position before and after cutting.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5 and ending on page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Elongated rail base 12 is formed of a first material having durability properties. For example, elongated rail base 12 can be formed of rigid plastic ~~or vinyl material~~ such as 87549 manufactured by Geon ~~or polyvinyl chloride (PVC)~~. Elongated rail base 12 can be formed of a light weight, inexpensive or disposable material.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9 and ending on page 5, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At least an upper portion 13 of rails 14 is formed of a second material which provides ~~an attractive or cling~~ property to ~~attract~~ hold film 17 to rails 14 and to help hold film 17 flat before, during and after cutting. Upper portion 13 of rails 14 can ~~be~~ have a thickness in the range of about 0.001 inches to about 0.10 inches or about 0.015 inches. Alternatively, the second material forms substantially the entire rail 14. ~~For example, the cling property can be an attractive charge.~~ The second material can be a non-porous material for providing the cling property. The second material can be a smooth material for providing the cling property. Suitable second materials that can be used to provide a cling property ~~or an attractive force, such as a static charge,~~ include a material having a ~~shore grade of A~~ durometer (hardness) of 75 Shore A. Suitable second materials include materials having a durometer hardness of 10-90 Shore A ~~of greater than about 1, for example, in the range of about 2 to about 200.~~ Suitable materials for upper portion 13 of rails 14 include plastic, rubber, glass, silicon elastimer, metal, acrylic, PVC or other flexible vinyl materials such as vinyl manufactured by Teknor as Apex 3300-75 NT or a

combination of one or more of the materials or other conventional materials which provide ~~attraction of a~~ cling property to hold a film thereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21 and ending on page 7, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

End cap 50 is formed of a pair of male protrusions 52, which are integral with edge 55, as shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 5. Male protrusions 52 snap onto female receptacles 55 positioned at both ends of elongated rail base 12. End cap 50 acts as a ~~bumper and releases from stop which retains blade housing 18 within elongated rail base 12 if~~ unless too much pressure is exerted against blade housing 18 at either end of elongated rail base 12 at which point end cap 50 releases from rail base 12 thus preventing failure of said blade housing and exposure of the user to said blade and resulting possible injury. Accordingly, blade housing 18 will remain intact and be removed from elongated rail base 12 if excessive force is applied to blade housing 18. A suitable material for end cap 50 is an acetal such as 2558-112 manufactured by Makraben ~~as Makralon~~ or polycarbonate. Alternative methods can be used including a rivet, plug, glue, pinching, piercing or other applications known in the art to prevent blade housing 18 from escaping elongated rail base 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19 and ending on page 8, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Attraction-Cling~~ of film 17 to rail 14 holds the film in a tension state preventing the film from sliding or bunching up during the cutting process. The ~~attraction-cling~~ of film 17 to rail 14 keeps edge 115 of film 17 attached to rail 14 in a ready position for a next use. The ~~attraction-cling~~ of film 17 to rail 14 keeps edge 116 of film 17 which has been cut in place to allow the user two handed control of the film after a cut has been made, as shown in Fig. 7E.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 and ending on page 8, line 35, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 8 illustrates an alternative embodiment of the present invention. Protrusions 120 extend from end 122 and end 123 of channel 11 of elongated rail

base 12. Protrusions 120 retain blade housing 18 in channel 11 and prevent blade housing 18 from being removed from channel 11 ~~if~~ unless excessive force is applied to blade housing 18. Protrusions 120 can be cut from side wall 125 of elongated rail base 12 with a slicing or crimping process. Blade housing 18 can include protrusion 128 for snap fitting in space 129 or space 130 formed between protrusions 120. Blade housing 18 can snap into space 129 at end 122 when blade housing 18 is moved to end 122 after use, thereby retaining blade housing 18 at end 122 until the next use. Blade housing 18 can snap into space 130 at end 123 when blade housing 18 is moved to end 123 after use, thereby retaining blade housing 18 at end 123 until the next use.